

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2616
PATENT**

Application # 10/092,924

Attorney Docket # 112815CON-1 (1014-154)

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the consideration provided to this application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner is also thanked for determining each of claims 12-14 allowable.

The Examiner is further thanked for indicating that claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Each of claims 15, 16, and 18-22 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 17 was amended solely for purposes of rewriting in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 12-14 and 17 are now pending in this application. Each of claims 12, 13, and 17 are in independent form.

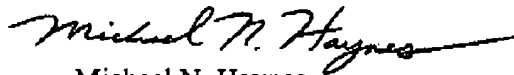
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application as amended is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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